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SUBJECT: YEMEN GRANT AID TRAINING (IMET)

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1. WE SHARE YOUR CONCERN ABOUT MAINTAINING MOMENTUM OF
IMET PROGRAM AS ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF OVERALL YAR MILITARY
MODERNIZATION PROGRAM WHICH WE SUPPORT. ACCORDINGLY, WE
ARE PREPARED TO INCREASE YAR FY 1977 IMET ALLOCATION FROM
PRESENT DOLS. 280,000 TO DOLS. 360,000 TO COVER NEED FOR
ADDITIONAL FUNDS CAUSED BY YAR OFFICERS' ENGLISH-LANGUAGE
DEFICIENCIES. HOWEVER,P.L. 94-441 REQUIRES THAT BOTH THE
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SENATE AND HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES BE INFORMED OF
THIS PROPOSED ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION SINCE IT EXCEEDS THE
LEVEL OF DOLS. 280,000 CONVEYED IN THE SECTION 653 REPORT
SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS FOLLOWING THE FY 1977 APPROPRIATIONS
ACT. THE COMMITTEES HAVE FIFTEEN DAYS IN WHICH TO NOTIFY
US OF DENIAL OF THE PROPOSED ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION. ONCE
THIS LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENT HAS BEEN MET, YOU WILL BE

INFORMED OF REVISED ALLOCATION BY SEPTTEL.

2. WE BELIEVE THAT ANY YARG DISAPPOINTMENT STEMMING FROM OUR LIKELY INABILITY TO DO MORE THIS YEAR SHOULD BE CHanneled INTO CREATIVE EFFORTS TO SOLVE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE

PROBLEM. EXCESSIVE PERIODS OF ELT USE UP IMET FUNDS PRIMARILY INTENDED FOR PROFESSIONAL LEVEL MILITARY TRAINING. (MOREOVER, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT YAR IMET FUNDS ARE NOT INTENDED FOR EQUIPMENT-RELATED TRAINING OR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL OF VISITING RECIPIENT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.) OPTIONS NOTED IN PARA 4 OF REF B REPRESENT, IN OUR VIEW, MOST EXPEDITIOUS AVENUES FOR OVERCOMING LANGUAGE DEFICIENCIES OF YAR IMET CANDIDATES AND FOR CONSERVING IMET FUNDS FOR THEIR INTENDED PURPOSE, I.E. OF PROVIDING PROFESSIONAL LEVEL TRAINING TO SELECTED MILITARY LEADERS.

3. AT SAME TIME, WE RECOGNIZE DESIRABILITY OF MAINTAINING FORWARD MOVEMENT IN CAREER TRAINING PROGRAM. YOUR REFERENCE TO POSSIBLE SAUDI COMMITMENT IN THIS REGARD (REF A, PARA 4) AS WELL AS APPARENT SAG WILLINGNESS DEVELOP A PILOT FMS CASE FOR ELT (USDAO SANA 120845Z FEB 77), SUGGESTS TO US THAT NOW MAY BE A GOOD TIME TO PUSH CAREER TRAINING IDEA WITH SAG. SUCH PILOT CASE COULD COVER AT LEAST DOLS. 140,000 NEEDED TO BRING FY 1977 FUNDING UP TO DOLS. 500,000 LEVEL YOU ARE SEEKING. HOWEVER, IN LIGHT SAG DIFFICULTIES IN GETTING YARG TO PROVIDE QUALIFIED CANDIDATES FOR TRAINING IN SA, AND OUR EXPERIENCE WITH ELT PROBLEMS, WE SHOULD COOPERATE WITH SAG IN JOINT CONFIDENTIAL

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EFFORTS TO IMPROVE YAR CANDIDATE AVAILABILITY AND QUALIFICATIONS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR CONUS. MEANWHILE, U.S. COMMITMENT TO CONCEPT OF CAREER TRAINING FOR YAR OFFICERS IS DEMONSTRATED BY ADMINISTRATION'S REQUEST TO CONGRESS FOR DOLS. 500,000 IN FY 1978 FUNDS, BUT FAILURE OF YAR TO UNDERTAKE SOLUTION OF ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PROBLEM WOULD BE ARGUMENT FOR REDUCING IMETP FOR YEMEN TO LOWER FIGURES.

4. FOR SANA: YOU SHOULD DISCUSS WITH YARG PROBLEMS IN IMET PROGRAM STEMMING FROM CANDIDATES' ENGLISH-LANGUAGE DEFICIENCIES AND URGE THEM TO AUGMENT ELT THROUGH MEANS NOTED PARA 4 REF B. SUBJECT TO JIDDA'S CONCURRENCE, YOU SHOULD ALSO DISCUSS BOTH ELT PROPOSALS AND POSSIBLE LONG-TERM SAUDI COMMITMENT TO CAREER TRAINING WITH SAUDI MISSION IN SANA.

5. FOR JIDDA: PLEASE COMMENT ON SUGGESTED APPROACH TO SAUDIS IN SANA.

6. FOR JIDDA AND CHUSMTM: AT APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY,
IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR YOU TO SUPPORT IN TALKS WITH SAG
BASIC IDEA OF SAUDI ASSISTANCE FOR CAREER TRAINING IN U.S.
PRECEDED BY ELT IN YAR OR SAUDI ARABIA.

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